



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2006-11-0321

January 16, 2008

FSSA CASEWORKER BARRED FROM STATE GOVERNMENT

Inspector General David O. Thomas and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer report as follows:

The purpose of this report is to document further action on this case by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Ethics Commission (SEC).

This case was originally investigated by the OIG and submitted to the Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney which resulted in the filing of criminal charges against Holly Bower. The criminal charges were issued for the offense of stealing public assistance funds as a caseworker with the Family of Social Services Administration (FSSA).

In addition to this criminal charging, the OIG filed an ethics complaint with the SEC against Holly Bower (Respondent). This is one of the benefits of Indiana's Inspector General system which grants the same agency the multiple jurisdiction of addressing criminal, ethics and efficiency matters.

The respondent subsequently admitted to the ethics complaint filed by the OIG and at the request of the OIG the SEC issued a penalty to the respondent on November 8, 2007 which included a decree barring the respondent from further

state employment.

With criminal charges filed and an SEC decree which includes a permanent bar from state employment, this case is accordingly closed.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David O. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General